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"TOO MANY COOKS SPOIL THE BROTH!"

THESE SIX MUST RUN SOCCER



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Six men should be given a free hand to run Soccer in Victoria next year.

They are:—
• JOHN GORTON
• MICHAEL WEINSTEIN
• JOHN OLIPHANT

• JOHN BARCLAY
• MORRIE BUCKNER, and
• P. J. O'CONNOR, S.M.

These six men should run Soccer without interference from any other group or committee.

In fact, THE COUNCIL SHOULD BE SCRAPPED!

Too many squabbles and petty jealousies take place around the council table. The council has proved over the past three years that it is a hindrance to Soccer, not a help.

They provide the truth in the old saying . . . TOO MANY COOKS SPOIL THE BROTH.

The six men we name are all sound business and professional men. There is a sprinkling of club as well as independent interest.

In our opinion it is the best team to put Soccer back on the road to success.

LESS TALK

Soccer News believes there should be LESS talk and MORE action.

Our organisation has little prestige, if any, in sporting circles and it's time something was done about it.

Soccer has the ball at its feet. In fact, a good, clean start is ready made.

Olympic Park will have shelter in the order for 12,000, and new lights at a cost of £30,000 will be ready in time for the kick-off of the night series in January.

What then are we waiting for?

Now is the time to get up and go and it's up to the "Big Six" to do it.

CLEAN UP

Here are some of the things they must do:
• Clean up the fixtures mess once and for all.

• Name the fixtures in March for the whole season and stick to them.

• Name Olympic Park games and other venues at least a month in advance and STICK to them.

• Establish Soccer in State Schools.

• Promote the game with more publicity and advertising.

• Expel any club (no matter how big or small) if they do not toe the line.

• Establish a set wage for players in the State League.

• Encourage the use of district names for clubs.

• Play the best games at Olympic Park every Saturday and Sunday.

FREE HAND

The "Big Six" must have a completely free hand because this could be Soccer's last chance to establish itself in Victoria.

Our bet is that if the Federation fails next year it could mean curtains to the game.

There could be another revolution in the code and this time there won't be any spectators left to see the outcome.

WHO THEY ARE

Here are some personal details about the six men who should run Soccer next year.

JOHN GORTON, the V.S.P. deputy chairman. He has played Soccer and been a referee for 10 years, as well as chairman of the East Africa Football Association for one year.

He is a newcomer to Soccer in Australia having his first year as an official after migrating here from Kenya four years ago.

He is a sales manager with a Dandenong timber company.

MICHAEL WEINSTEIN is a Hakosh official who has served the Federation in many offices. He was the brains behind the Soccer House project in 1962.

He has served Victoria as a delegate on the Australian Soccer Federation, has represented Australian Soccer overseas and is a good thinker with sound ideas for promotion of the code.

He is a successful master builder.

JOHN OLIPHANT is treasurer of the Victorian Federation and is team manager of Slavia Port Melbourne club.

He is a former Association executive member and has served Soccer in his greatest contribution to the game has been his many capacities. Probably influence in establishing a new look Slavia club which is one of the big clubs in State League.

He has a meat distribution business.

JOHN BARCLAY is chairman of the Metropolitan Management Committee and also represents Flinders Naval Depot Club.

He is an up-and-coming official with good debating qualities. He has served Soccer as chairman and deputy chairman and has been a Victorian delegate on the Australian controlling body.

He is a civil servant and is in charge of the drawing office at F.N.D.

MORRIE BUCKNER is a Soccer News columnist and also Soccer writer

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• **SLAVIA** goalie John Young flies for the ball to stop a Croatia attack on goal. Slavia's David High (left) and Peter Aldis await the outcome.

Top Czech club to play here

Slovan Bratislava, one of Europe's crack Soccer clubs, will play two games in Melbourne — probably at Olympic Park — in January.

The top Czechoslovakia team is being brought to Australia jointly by Slavia, the Dockery Cup champions of Melbourne, and Prague, the N.S.W. first division club.

John Oliphant, Slavia of-

ficial and V.S.P. treasurer, who is organising the Melbourne arrangements, said yesterday that Slovan Bratislava would be one of the strongest teams to visit Australia since the war.

Victoria fans will see the Czechs in action on Sunday, January 16, against Slavia and on January 22 or 23 against a combined State League championship team of Sth. Melbourne Hellas and Slavia.

Both games are expected to be played at Olympic Park. One at least it is hoped will be played under the new lights at the Park.

Slovan Bratislava is particularly strong in the half back line where the entire line represents the Czech National team. Also one of the inside forwards plays for Czechoslovakia.

Bratislava arrive in Sydney on Friday, January 14.

A party of 20 will fly here. There will be two officials and 18 players.

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It's £1500 a kick!

By MARTIN ASTON

How would you like to take a penalty kick knowing that failure to score from it would cost yourself and the other players prize money of £1,500 and recognition as your country's top Soccer team?

This is what occurred to Apia's rangy right full-back Cliff Van Blerk on three occasions last Sunday. You might say that this sort of thing happens quite regularly in Soccer in various parts of the world and for much bigger stakes.

But it is doubtful whether it has ever happened on no less than 15 occasions in the one match, as occurred in last Sunday's Australia Cup final between Apia and Hakoah.

Soccer's annual period of summer madness continued when the match ended in a 1-1 draw—but perhaps it would be more correct to say a 1-all draw.

Unprecedented scenes in our Soccer occurred after the teams were still locked together at 1-1 after 30 minutes of extra time was played.

There was great excitement as officials ordered that each team should take five penalty kicks in an effort to reach a decision.

The rules of the competition stated that each of the kicks had to be taken by a different player.

Hakoah appeared to be in a good position when Herbert Ninaus, Jim Christie, David Reis, Ian Hillsdon and Doug Holden were all successful in converting their kicks from the penalty spot.

This meant that Apia could not afford to fail with a single attempt and there was extreme tension as Johnny Wong followed by Jim Sambrook, Johnny Giacometti, the goal-keeper Adauto Iglesias and finally Van Blerk each put the ball into the net.

Many spectators as well as some of the players and officials could not bear to watch as the kicks were being taken.

At this stage the rival skippers, Filippo Bottalini and Trevor Edwards (Hakoah) appeared to be in a deadlock.

But another five penalty kicks to each team were then ordered by the referee Tony Boskovic.

Hakoah received a fright when Christie's kick was brilliantly saved by Iglesias but Apia threw away a great chance of victory when the usually reliable Wong's shot from the penalty spot was astray.

At this stage the players wanted the match called off and spectators were shouting "Reply, reply".

But a hurried conference between the rival presidents, Joe Lo Balco (Apia) and Sam Fiszman (Hakoah) with the Australian Soccer Federation secretary, Ian McAndrew, decided that a replay would not take place unless another five penalty kicks failed to produce a result.

Hakoah was again in trouble when Hillsdon's kick was saved by Iglesias and this meant that Apia again was faced with a great chance of winning the Cup.

But disaster struck when the second last kick taken by Iglesias was splendidly saved by Hakoah's 18-year-old goalkeeper Peter Fuzes.

This meant that everything rested on Van Blerk and to Apia's relief he made no mistake in beating Fuzes with the final kick before being embraced by delighted team mates.

The match will be replayed on Wednesday night at a ground to be arranged and is expected to draw a big crowd.

Mr. Fiszman claimed later that it was unfair that a major trophy such as the Australia Cup should be hanging in the balance on a series of penalty kicks.

"It is like a public execution with the goal-keepers on the platform", he said.

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BACKGROUND TO SOCCER

DON'T MISS BARR!

In this page is the last Morrie Buckner column for this season. Morrie will now take a well-earned holiday and will be back with us in the New Year. During his absence well-known Soccer writer and TV commentator ALEX BARR will write for Soccer News every Thursday.

Alex kicks off next week with some sharp-shooting comment on the game in Victoria.

During the OFF season you'll want to be ON the ball, so why not join us every Thursday? Soccer News is the best bob in Soccer.

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THERE'S a ghost in Sydney would like to be player coach of a club in Melbourne next year.

He is Sretan Dacevski and although in the veteran stage has proved to be one of the stars in Yugal's return to the top this season.

He's known as "The Ghost" because of his ability to drift into an open space and beat an opponent with a bewildering body swerve but there are others who say that the balding Dacevski is old enough to be a ghost.

There can be no disputing that he's still a top class player. In the year Dacevski represented NSW against Torpedo in the year Dacevski won a "B" International cap for Yugoslavia.

He won a "B" International cap for Yugoslavia earlier in his career and in my opinion would be an asset as a player coach or just a coach for any club in Victoria.

When he was remembered that Yugal went so far in the preliminary round of the year Dacevski and the player who turned a series of somersaults after scoring a goal to put Yugal ahead 2-1 in one of the games was none other than Dacevski.

I have seen most of the leading Victorian goal-keepers in action from Norm Hobson and Sam Service down and you can take my word for it that none of them is as good as the former Hakoah (Sydney) star Heinz Wenzl.

Wenzl is now living in Melbourne and is planning to play there next season — Croatia already are reported to be after him.

Wenzl has fantastic agility and reflexes and the club which secures his services will be getting a real bargain.

ANY attempt to start a "Super League" competition next year between the leading clubs of Sydney and Melbourne would be doomed to failure.

I say this after watching Apia wait until the second half to turn on the full power of its skill and enterprise in scoring a 4-1 victory over Victoria's champion club South Melbourne Hellas in the second leg of their Australia Cup semi-final.

To be quite honest the standard of play which Sydney has seen recently from Hellas and in particular George Cross has been so disappointing that there would be little chance of a league match attracting big crowds in a "Super League" competition as has been suggested by one or two Victorian officials.

One would hardly have thought when Apia turned on the full flowing power of its attacking skill that the team was without four key players in the World Cup stars John Watkins, Pat Hughes, Stan Ackley and John Roberts.

I shudder to think what would have happened to George Cross if all of these players had been on the field — Apia probably would have won by something like 9-0 — and this only emphasises how foolish it would be to rush into a "Super League" next year.



SIR—The policy of this Federation is to admit children of compulsory school age without charge to all games and there is only one main ground where the lease under which the club holds it, does not permit this practice.

A reader, "Junior Soccer Player" (Economopolous) does not say how old he is, but as a junior player may well be 17 and liable to pay full admission charge at any game he attends.

The system of supplying schoolboy passes was abandoned because so many passes got into the hands of people over the intended age limit, and it must be left to the discretion of the gate-keeper to decide how old anyone appears to be. The only advice we can offer is for 14-year-old schoolboys who are 6 ft. 1 in. and weigh 14 stone, to turn up in school uniform or produce some other evidence of their age.

The important thing of course is, that we want them to come and will do everything we can to encourage attendance. Victorian Soccer Federation, G. T. Edgar, secretary/manager.

By MORRIE BUCKNER

THE small crowd that turned up for the Dockerty Cup Final last Sunday was disappointing, but it could hardly have been disappointed with what it saw.

The Soccer, except in brief flashes, wasn't by any stretch of the imagination stylish, or polished, or classy. But it offered 90 minutes of fast, rugged movement, with the players never hesitating to play the man if that was the best and quickest way to dispossess him of the ball. They left it to referee Maitland to decide what was fair and what was foul, and few could quibble with his decisions.

The result was a game which gave the spectators tons of action. And the players must have been superbly fit. Often when they clashed for the ball you could hear the crunching of bones in the stand. BUT NOT ONCE WAS A TRAINER CALLED ONTO THE FIELD TO ATTEND TO AN INJURY.

Here were 22 real sportsmen playing REAL football, and that apostle of the queer, Rugby-like scramble called Australian Rules football, Jack Dyer, who suggests that Soccer is for softies, should have been there to see it.

The result was interesting, too. Slavia, the holder of the Cup, whose regular defence was "wrecked" by the absence of Billy Cook, Nigel Shepherd, and John Auchie, all overseas, and the tonsillitis of Ray Barotaj, was not fabled to replace the challengers. But it did, narrowly winning 1-0. And the way Slavia succeeded can be described with a paradoxical statement — Slavia was lucky to win, yet it fully deserved its victory.

That statement is not as self-contradictory as it seems. Slavia's goal, particularly in the first 30 minutes and the last 15 minutes. They had at least six good chances to score, but over-eagerness kept most of their shots off target. That was the element of luck in Slavia's win.

But Slavia's defenders took care of the rest of Croatia's raids and that's one of the reasons Slavia deserved its win. Another is the fact that Slavia's forwards whenever necessary, put up a wall on which Croatia's spirited attack dashed itself to pieces.

Every game has its "hero" and, although it's a risky business to name a single player out of 22 all of whom are giving their very best, I'll go on record as saying that new goalkeeper John Young was the "hero" of the Cup Final — that, in the final analysis, he saved the game and the Cup for Slavia. His agility, anticipation, quick-wittedness, and courage combined to keep his net clean in a number of dangerous situations.

Veteran Peter Aldis, who replaced Billy Cook at centre-half, and left full-back David High were unruffled under heavy fire. John Duffy starred for his side at left half. Left-winger Charlie McCorquodale often played deeply to



lend aid to his defenders, allowing Duffy to play a rearguard game as often often as necessary.

Centre-forward Sandy Jones roved widely and used his long legs and broad movements to wear down the opposition. Inside-right Peter Laraman cleverly scored the winning goal in quick-thinking breakthrough. Right-winger David Short used his speed and elusiveness to run his opponents ragged. Inside-right Bill Savage and substitute right flank defenders Tommy Harper and Grant McGregor offered satisfactory support.

Duncan Mackay was outstanding for the losers. His generalship all over the ground was an inspiration to his "troops". He took every free kick, practically every throw-in and corner-kick. He must have been bitterly disappointed by the fact that his many good placements were either wasted by his forwards or "killed" by Slavia's defensive cover.

Croatia's centre-forward Ian Currie never missed a chance to shoot for goal. Slavia's defence was not as tight as others were near-misses. Just a little more accuracy and Ian (and Duncan) could have won the Cup for Croatia.

The others played a grand game, too — John Chetcuti, Frank Bot, Horst Rau, Bobby McLaughlin, Brian Adlam, Billy McIntyre, Billy Vojtek, and Joe Keenan.

Croatia's rapid rise in the State League since the arrival of Duncan Mackay, plus its Dockerty Cup efforts, indicate that this team will be a force to be reckoned with next year.

ST. ALBANS fielded no less than four 17-year-olds when it beat Williamina 4-2 after extra time to win the Harry Armstrong Reserve Cup. One was Cecil Pleban, the left-winger who scored two goals. He played in the junior team which beat New Zealand last year. The others were K. Klein, C. Traskoma, and S. Novak.

AND now I must plead that my heavy commitments compel me to say goodbye to readers for the rest of this year. May you all enjoy the brief Soccer recess until the Ampol series begins in January.

"BIG SIX"

Cont. from page 1

for the Melbourne Sun. He is an experienced Soccer administrator having served the old Association as Editor of Soccer News, chairman of the Disciplinary Committee and in many other independent capacities. He is probably the only man in the game who knows the constitution from A to Z.

He is a journalist by profession and is Editor of three leading trade journals.

J. P. O'CONNOR, S.M., is chairman of the Disciplinary Committee.

In the short time he has been in Soccer he has served the game well as an independent. He is a regular visitor to Olympic Park and night Soccer at South Melbourne.

He is a Stipendiary Magistrate.

SINGAPORE

SINGAPORE, Nov. 21 — The Swedish A.I.K. team tonight beat the Singapore state team, 2-0. At half time A.I.K. led 1-0.

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By MARTIN ASTON

I felt sick when I heard over the radio, early on Monday morning, what had happened to Australia's World Cup team in the first match against North Korea.

It was a sickening blow to everyone who is connected with the code. I am not foolish enough to be drawn into any comment at this stage on what happened in Cambodia, but the fact remains that a better Australian team could not have been picked.

We could not have chosen a better man than Tiko Jelissavcic to act as coach and there was no official better qualified to take charge of the touring party than Jim Bayutti.

And the training camp in Cairns had resulted in the Australian team being fitter than any other group of players which have previously represented their country in Soccer.

There were encouraging reports before the match saying that the Australian team had been much more impressive in training than their rivals from North Korea.

Jelissavcic predicted "We will win" after watching North Korea in a practice match. But apparently the North Korean players had been clever enough to hide their skill, and flashes of form arrived like flashes of lightning in the second half.

I can only hope that our officials will not panic after such an admittedly alarming defeat, and make Jelissavcic should be retained and given the task of slowly but surely bringing young local players into the Australian squad within the next season or two.

Players such as Ian Johnstone, of Queensland, and John Perin, of South Australia, are two whose names spring immediately to mind.

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia, Monday —Australia's first venture into the World Cup ended in a thrashing tonight.

North Korea, playing crisp, attractive, attacking Soccer, won 6-1 and virtually ended the Australian hopes of moving straight into the final 16 in London next year.

A crowd of 60,000 saw the Australians take the field tonight without Roy Blitz (stomach trouble) and Jim Pearson (foot injury).

The team was: John Roberts, Nigel Shepherd, Stan Acklerley, Pat Hughes, Billy Rice, Les Scheinflug, Geoff Slight, John Anderson, Archie Blue, John Watkiss, Dave Todd.

The Australians, after a series of impressive trial games both in Cairns, Queensland, and in Cambodia, were confident of victory over the Koreans.

However, the Koreans proved too fast and too clever and made the Australians look almost like schoolboys.

The Koreans thrilled the crowd with their teamwork, attacking play and tremendous shots at goal.

The Australian team was only down by one goal to nil at half time but the Koreans were the better team straight from the kickoff.

The match was played in humid, oppressive heat with the temperature reading 90 degrees.

The Cambodian head of State, Prince Norodom Sihanouk, presented players of both teams with special medals after the match.

The Australians offered boomerangs to their opponents.

From the kick off, the Korean attack nearly scored a goal in a mix up near the Australian goalmouth when Shepherd backpassed to goalie Roberts.

After 65 minutes the score was 4-0. Roberts was beaten by another seemingly easy

The first goal came after about 15 minutes when the Korean inside right, Pak Do Ok, broke through the whole Australian defence to score unopposed from 10 yards out.

It was all Korea after that and the unsafe Australian defence had many lucky escapes.

There appeared to be no cohesion between the Australian forwards and their halves.

Thirty seconds before half-time the Koreans put the ball into the net for the second time, but the goal was disallowed by referee Hnice of Malaysia.

He ruled the Korean left-winger, Kim Seung Ol, off side but the crowd disputed the ruling.

Easy shot

The Australians started the second half when left-winger Todd broke through four defenders. His shot was blocked, however, on the penalty area by right full-back Pak Sil Sul.

The Koreans' greater teamwork and experience took its toll at 54 minutes when centre forward Pak Seung Jin lofted a pass to right winger Han Bong Jin who sidestepped Acklerley and a Rice to score with a low rising shot from 20 yards out.

The Koreans sealed the match three minutes later when goalie Roberts set in a weak 15-yard drive by left half-back, On Sung Hwi.

After 65 minutes the score was 4-0. Roberts was beaten by another seemingly easy



LES SCHEINFLUG
shot only four minutes later.

The Australians did not stop trying and were rewarded after 70 minutes of play when the referee awarded a penalty to Australia for a hard, but seemingly legal, tackle on John Watkiss by the Korean stopper, Lim Zoong Sun.

Australian skipper Les Scheinflug converted a well-placed shot in the right corner.

Another goal by the Koreans deep-lying-centre forward came after 78 minutes when the whole forward line combined admirably to flatfoot the Australian defence and allow Pak Seung Jin to notch his second goal.

Blitz unfit for game

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia, Sunday. —Right-winger Roy Blitz was a shock withdrawal today from the Australian team to play North Korea in the World Soccer Cup qualifying match tonight.

Australian officials decided this morning he was unfit to play. "He has 'tropical tummy'."

Australia: John Roberts, Nigel Shepherd, Stan Acklerley, Pat Hughes, Billy Rice, Les Scheinflug, Geoff Slight, John Anderson, Archie Blue, John Watkiss, Dave Todd.

North Korea: Li Chan Myung, Pak Sil Sul, Shin Yung Sun, Kim Seung Hwi, Han Bong Jin, Pak Do Ok, Pak Seung Jin, Jung Ryong Woon, Kim Seung Hwi.

Referee: Patrick Nica (Malaysia).

PHNOM PENH, Monday—Only a miracle can the Australian Soccer team in the World Cup after their disastrous 6-1 defeat last night by North Korea.

They still have a chance to tie the series in the second match on Wednesday but the possibility of that happening is remote indeed.

The consensus of opinion among Australian officials is: "We'll never play that badly again."

The players, angry at their poor form, acknowledged that the better team won.

No one knew until last night what would happen when two different Soccer worlds collided.

The North Koreans, who won 30 out of 34 previous internationals, including the Ganevo Cup, proved too strong, too fast and too clever.

The Australians, on their first overseas venture, showed their lack of experience.

It is obvious now that they need tougher opposition in training than local teams in north Queensland.

The team entered Phnom Penh's national Olympic stadium—packed to capacity for the first time with more than 60,000 people—in customary good spirits, singing "It's A Long Way To Tipperary."

North Korea leading 1-0 in the fourteenth minute, their confidence was shaken.

After another hour the match was virtually over, with North Korea leading 4-nil early in the second half.

Captain Les Scheinflug reduced the leadway with a penalty in the seventy-five minute, but the Koreans added two more before the end.

Most Australians had a poor game.

In attack there was weakness, particularly on the wings, where reserves Geoff Slight and Dave Todd seldom put a foot right.

However, Roy Blitz, who is suffering from stomach trouble, and Jimmy Pearson (injured foot) are likely to be fit to play on November 24.



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Confidence

Here's what the Australian World Cup players said of their chances against North Korea — BEFORE SUNDAY'S GAME!

Goalkeeper John Roberts: "I think we stand a good chance."

Right-back Nigel Shepherd: "They won't get a goal through."

Right-back Stan Acklerley: "We will kill them."

Right-half Pat Hughes: "They're good but we are better."

Centre-half Billy Rice: "We will kill them."

Outside-right Roy Blitz: "I think we will win, but it will be a hard match."

Centre-forward Archie Blue: "They are a fair team, but we are good enough to beat them."

Inside-left John Watkiss: "We can lose only if we all have a bad game."

Outside-left Geoff Slight: "The Australians are a moral."

Jimmy Pearson: "We will win."



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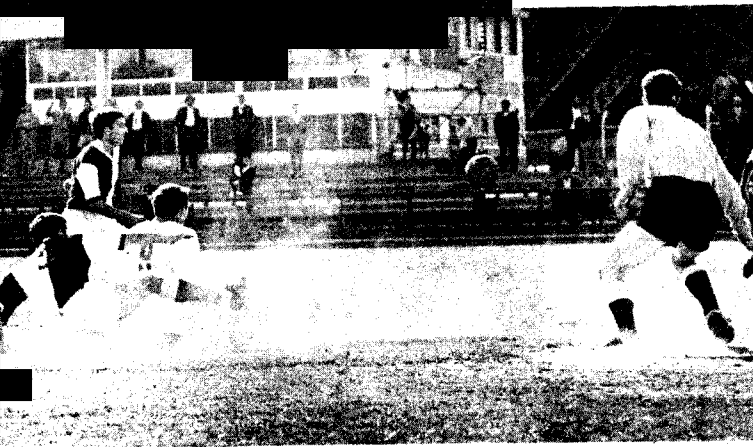
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HOW SLAVIA DOCKEE



CRASH! Slavia and Croatia players go down in a cloud of dust at the Dockerty Cup final at Olympic Park on Sunday. Slavia goalkeeper John Young watches as the ball flies away from the group of players. On the ground are David High (No. 3), Tom Randles, and Croatia centre forward Ian Currie. Pictures on this page by Soccer News Photographer Ewe Kuesner.



SLAVIA HOLDS NEW YEAR BALL

Slavia will hold a New Year's Eve ball at the Dorchester on Friday, December 31. Tickets, at £2 per head (including supper and refreshments) are obtainable from Mr. Ray, 63 3823, and Mr. Tony Pavis, 34 3843.



What it's like to win a Cup... Slavia players are happy as they hold the Dockerty Cup aloft after their win on Sunday. Holding the cup is Savage. Other players, from left, are Aldis, Laraman, Short, McGregor, Duffy, Harper and McCorquodale.

An iron Peter Aldis, a gave Slavia the Sunday.

Leading by a single goal Peter Laraman at Port Melbourne side to their lead all through despite a constant barrage from Croatia.

In addition to Aldis performed well in goal second half, while Aus Duffy, and Harper and for Slavia.

Croatia, always in the lead would do well to slow half a yard to make effective. Croatia had Duncan McKay, with a dive in his Melbourne time.

Croatia made a mistake replacing McIntyre with McKay. Had they dropped Vojtek, who was most ineffective, left McIntyre in and brought in Jim McKay in place of Vojtek things might have been different.

All told it was a good game and one worthy of a much bigger crowd.

The final started 48 minutes late.

One delay fans didn't object to was the presentation of Mrs. Mary Dockerty, wife of the late V.S.P. president Harry J. Dockerty, to the teams.

Following this a minute's silence was observed for the late Harry Dockerty, who died earlier this year. Here is the final as I saw it minute-by-minute!

10 MINS. Slavia looked the better side so far with more methodical approach play and more steadiness in defence and attack.

Above: A KISS for the winner. John Duffy gets a kiss from his wife after Slavia's great win.

WORLD CUP

LONDON, Nov 21 — Bulgaria forced a play-off with Belgium for a place in the world cup finals in England next year when they beat Israel 2-1 in Tel Aviv today.

Bulgaria and Belgium both have six points from four matches in group one of the qualifying tournament.

Bulgarians led 1-0 at half time.

Portugal were beaten 2-0 by Rumania in Bucharest in group four, but finished head of the group table and through to the finals.

Czechoslovakia beat Turkey 3-1 in Prague in another group Four match.

In Rio De Janeiro today the Soviet Union came back from two goals down to force a 2-2 draw with world cup holders Brazil in a Soccer international.



Slavia forward, John Duffy, is in the background as a Croatia player clears the ball.



Slavia defenders, David High and Peter Aldis (hidden), head the ball away from Croatia left winger, Joe Keenan.

Here's how Jim Cook saw the best players in the Dockerty Cup final.

He gave four-star awards to Young, Aldis and Short for Slavia, and Duncan Mackay and Bot for Croatia.

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Young ****
Harper ***
High ***
McGregor **

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CROATIA
D. Mackay ****
Beck ***
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Keenan ***
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65 Dockerty Cup at Olympic Park on

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MINS. Currie had the
in the net for Croatia
was judged off-side.

MINS. Currie again.
Croatia centre struck
post with a strong
e.

MINS. Croatia's goal
ived an amazing series
scapes and both McCord-
dale and Short had
ging shots blocked.

MINS. Croatia at this
e were aggressive in
ck but failed to pierce
rock steady Slavia de-
se.

MINS. Bot showed his
wards the way with a
ard drive which Young
ed over for a corner.

MINS. Top State Leas-
corer Peter Laraman
Slavia in front with a
left-foot drive from 15
is.

Slavia deserved their
d. They showed better
work and displayed
ch more steadiness
in Croatia, who were
ying on bustling tac-
s.

MINS. Currie shot
dly past from a good
tion following a pass
Votjek.

43 MINS. Play quickly
went to the other end and
Laraman failed to score
from an acute angle.

In the last minutes of
this half Slavia were well
on top with right winger
Short ripping holes in the
Croatia defence.

Half Time: Croatia 0,
Slavia 1 (Laraman).

50 MINS. Jim Mackay
showed his shooting pro-
wess with a fast drive from
25 yards which went past
Chetcutti's far post.

63 MINS. Urging his side
on, Duncan Mackay took
two long range throw-ins
which brought danger to
the Slavia goal.

65 MINS. Free kick by
Duncan Mackay from 20
yards saw Adam almost
standing on the Slavia
goal line miss a great scoring
chance by shooting past.

67 MINS. After a quiet
first half, goalkeeper
Young showed class by saving
a great left wing drive
by McLachlan.

Aldis and Duffy were prom-
inent in Slavia's defence,
which was being punished
by Croatia's attack.

Croatia in too much of a hurry

By Jim Cook



Mrs. MARY JANE DOCKERTY
chats with Federation patron, Mr. Nino
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Mr. Theo Marmaras, Federation President,
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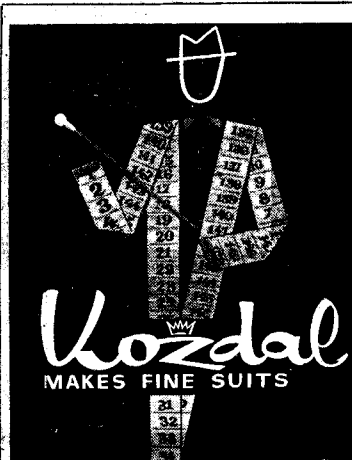
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OH, WHAT HUMILIATION!

SOME of us expected Australia to lose its first game against North Korea — but not by six goals to one!

This isn't defeat, this is just plain humiliation.

There seems to be a limit to what our Soccer can take and to crash so badly makes me wonder what kind of a thrashing we would have received had we gone to England next year.

Most Australian Soccer Federation officials thought it would be a walkover in Cambodia. How wrong they were.

They were so confident it was reported they'd ordered a set of World Cup ties from a firm in Switzerland.

What a pity they didn't look at the North Koreans' international record before they made the order!

The Koreans have played 34 international games in the last three years and have won 30 of them.

With their latest effort last Sunday they tally is — 35 games, 31 victories.

You'd call that a poor record would you? One thing is for sure, the Koreans will put up a better show in England than Australia could ever hope for — at least for a year or two.

This just proves how far behind world class Australian Soccer is today. It just proves how much has to be spent on building the game in this country and it proves how wrong we all are when we think we have first-class players kicking the round ball here.

We're so far behind it will take years before we

can boast that our football can be rated with the world's best.

Jim Bayutti, the ASF deputy chairman who is in Cambodia at present, no doubt will have something to say when he returns.

Incidentally, he'd better cancel that order for those Swiss ties as I can't see us getting the necessary goals to beat the Koreans in the second game on Wednesday night.

WHERE in the world have you seen a first-class Soccer score reported as 14-0? Yes, it could only happen in Australia and it has — in Sydney last Sunday.

Not just a minor game mind you. It was the Australia Cup final between Apla and Hakoah. Both took a series of penalty kicks to decide the winner — after half an hour of extra play.

What a joke — and it was treated as such by some of our daily newspapers. When will we learn that you can't decide a Soccer game with penalty kicks, it can only be decided on the field of play.

ALL Soccer writers went for the form team Croatia to win the Dockerty Cup. I was one of them but I'm the first to admit I was wrong. Give credit where credit is due, Slavia are still the toughest club in the State and fully deserve to retain the Cup for the second year in succession.

This great win on Sunday should give their British followers much food for thought for the future. It is just one more reason why the swing of the British fan has been to the Port Melbourne club in the past few weeks.

DID you hear the World Cup report from Cambodia during the ABC's Breakfast Session on Monday morning? Can't remember the national station giving the same service when the Magpies went to Tokyo recently!

JOHN GORTON, Federation deputy chairman, said there should be more money spent on juniors. He said this at the annual meeting of the South of

the Yarra junior body on Friday. That's all very well. We've heard this so often before. But what I'd like to know is, where's the money coming from?

ONE man who believes the Melbourne Soccer program is too long is Kurt Defris, secretary-manager of Hakoah.

"All players should have three months rest at the end of every season. The game in Victoria should end about the first or second week in October," he says.

And so say all of us.

GET ready for a big Soccer promotion at Ringwood early in the new year.

John van Hoboken, Wilhelmina president, intends giving the juniors the best deal they've ever had, in fact he believes, and rightly so, that this is the only future Soccer has in Victoria.

He told me this week that the Ringwood club is building sleeping quarters for the boys while they are in training and if the accommodation is anything like that at Jubilee Park, well, you can bet your last dollar that it will be the best.

As Wilhelmina is out of the night series they will concentrate on building a State League team of youth with a sprinkling of experienced players.

At present players are attending weekly physical training sessions with former Rules star, Brendan Edwards, at Camberwell.

The policy at Ringwood is to recruit any youngster who offers his services but they will not approach players to join them.

One of the most promising juniors is 17-year-old Dick Treffers, a goalie, who has played some excellent games in the first team. Another certainty for the first team next year is 17-year-old Gerry Keuken, an inside forward.

Others certain to make the big time next season are Fred Eggers, a top 19-year-old wing half; Jimmy Noy, a 19-year-old utility player; Tony Watson, a 17-year-old forward who won the club's best and fairest award two years ago and Yan Brouwer, a strong 19-year-old full or half back.

Seniors who are training hard are Tibbe Keuken, Tommy Dulgan.

There can be no doubt that if Mr. van Hoboken's plan to put the accent on youth in Wilhelmina's team next year succeeds, many other clubs will follow suit in season '67.

CROATIA had a ball on Saturday night at Richmond Town Hall. All had a good time except the players. They were in safe hands with the coach who took them to a film show and then to bed in preparation for the Dockerty Cup final the following day.

The club are talking about their own headquarters in the form of a house with a liquor licence where members can meet. Location is likely to be in the Footscray area where most of Croatia's fans live.

MY AWARD of the Week to the Victorian Federation for presenting Mrs. Mary Jane Dockerty to the Dockerty Cup teams on Sunday. This was a nice gesture.

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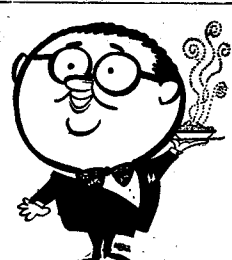
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ST. ALBANS MAKE IT AGAIN

St. Albans was one of the happiest Melbourne suburbs on Sunday night after news spread that their team had won the Reserve Cup final beating Wilhelmina 4-2.

St. Albans' players celebrated by drinking champagne out of the 52-year-old cup, which was first won by Burns in 1913.

It took extra time to decide the winner after Wilhelmina and St. Albans were locked together at Olympic Park in a 2-all draw.

St. Albans' goalscorers were Pichan 2, Beinroth and Landherr. Wilhelmina Watson 2.

St. Albans now have won three Cups this season — Seymour Cup, Sydney Cup and the Reserve Cup.

Peter Armstrong, St. Albans' president, celebrated with the team after the game but had one disappointment.

His wife was not with him to share his excitement — she was in hospital following an accident when she fell on broken glass.

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● Willie Dallas, the former Melbourne player, is looking for a coaching position and can be contacted at 38 Burns St., St. Kilda.

● Brian Adlam, Croatia right winger, was on the playing staff of English non-league club Gloucester City at the same time when Ollie Norris of Hakoah was manager there.

POLONIA WANT TO MERGE

Polonia, the State League club, have approached up-and-coming St. Albans with a view to an amalgamation next year.

St. Albans, who won the Reserve Cup on Sunday and also won the Second Division championship, are calling a meeting this Wednesday to discuss the proposition.

A club official said yesterday that Polonia had asked them to link up, suggesting "this would benefit the two clubs".

Peter Armstrong, St. Albans' president, said he would not comment at this stage.

He had called a meeting of old and new club members for this Wednesday to discuss the matter.

St. Albans would issue a statement later this week.



Croatia forward, Billy Vojtek, heads for goal with the ball at his feet.

.....
● Longest serving club manager in Victoria is Matt Busby, of Manchester United, who last month completed 20 years as the club boss. To mark the occasion United directors gave Matt 500 ordinary shares of the club. A small fortune in itself. For with the new £300,000 United stand completed, the total ground is valued at £500,000. Add the value of the present team, and the club's assets are about a million pounds. As the total issue of shares of the club only number 4,500, Matt virtually owns one-ninth of United.

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● Spanish born Miguel Campa is a real international figure into the bargain. He was educated in France, emigrated to the U.S.A. and is married to a Canadian girl. Question: Who would Campa play for if chosen for the World Cup?

.....
● Alan Cousin, the Dundee inside forward or centre, has been transferred to Hibs for a substantial five figure fee.

New Secretary for Juniors

John Wren, one of the leading officials of the Waverley club, has been appointed secretary of South of the Yarra Junior Federation.

He succeeds Tom Markus who has been appointed vice-chairman.

John, who has been released from his Waverley duties to help the juniors.

Ted Thornton, of Langwarrin, is publicity officer.

Well done!

.....
● Hats off to the Victorian Federation. It was a splendid thought to present Mrs. Mary Dockerty to the Dockerty Cup final sides, Croatia and Slavia, before the start of the game on Sunday. Chaperoned by Theo Marmaras and Nino Borsari, the wife of the founder and donor of the Dockerty Cup, Harry Dockerty, who died early this year, caused a big impression among players with her friendly words to them before they kicked off.

.....
South of Yarra Under 20's beat Western Suburbs 5-3 at Ringwood. Goalscorers: St. of Yarra: S. Pongor; Gardner, Morhauser, Juresitch; own goal. Western suburbs: Kartaridis, Radjadic. Best players: St. of Yarra: Kelly, Roberts, Burgess. Western Suburbs: Kartaridis, Sliwinski, Venderpool.

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A junior carnival which will include three teams — U12, U14 and U16 — from Latrobe Valley will be organised in Melbourne on December 5.

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Western Dist. U14's defeated North of the Yarra 2-0.

.....
Len Young will conduct a coaching course for season 1966.

.....
● Dinko Gulin, the former Juventus and Croatia wing half or forward who is now working in Adelaide, may soon be transferred to a South Australian club. Gulin is still on Croatia's books.

JIM COOK

LET'S HAVE MORE UNIFORMITY!

OUT of all the chaos that has resulted in Australian Soccer this season most of the troubles appear to have stemmed from one evil — lack of uniformity.

I mean lack of uniformity among the States in their policy making, planning, competition set-ups and above all, the duration of the playing season.

And the interpretation and application of the rules in regard to protests, appeals, disciplinary and a thousand and one other points are so varied and widespread in the various States they would even make "Rafferty" blush.

The ailing Soccer public throughout this vast nation are sick and tired of endless silly and stupid ideas being churned out quicker than you can say "Jack Robinson".

.....
The good ideas put forward are seldom implemented and get lost or are thrown overboard with the hundreds which are meaningless and have no significance or importance in regard to the future of Australian Soccer.

.....
Self-centred interest of the individual States with little regard for the well being and future of the game in general is retarding the growth of Soccer. Until such time that uniformity is reached on the many problems of the game in Australia, the selfishness of officials, clubs and States will remain a bug bear to the game.

Peter Keys their best

Peter Keys, the brilliant Box Hill half back, has won the club's best and fairest award for 1965.

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He received his trophy from Mrs. Mary Dockerty, wife of the late Harry Dockerty, former president, at the club's presentation night at Mirama Court, Mitcham, on Friday.

.....
The 23-year-old Keys has rendered great service to the club and fully deserves the honour.

.....
Norman Voce won the Reserves best and fairest. Trophies were presented to the Reserves for winning the Reserve championship for the third year in succession.

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The evening was well organised by the social committee.

HONORS LIST FOR 1965

Here is the 1965 Soccer Honors List as compiled by Jim Cook.

.....
State League champions: South Melbourne Hellas.

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State League runners-up: George Cross.

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Australian Cup Winners: Still to be decided. Hakoah v. APIA.

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Am pol Cup Winners: George Cross.

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Relegated to 1st Division: Trieste.

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Promoted to State League: Alexander.

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Relegated to 2nd Division: Moonee Ponds and Sunshine City.

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Promoted to 1st Division: St. Albans and Libertas.

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Relegated to 3rd Division: Bayswater and South Yarra.

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Promoted to 2nd Division: Frankston and Altona.

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Relegated to 4th Division: Croydon and I.C.I.

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Promoted to 3rd Division: Hercules and Albion Rovers.

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Bottom Pair 4th Division: Airport West and Melita.

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Dockerty Cup Winners: Slavia.

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Harry Armstrong Winners: St. Albans.

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Soccer News Best and Fairest: Tommy McPherson (George Cross).

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Argus Best and Fairest Award: George Scott (Juventus).

.....
Sporting Globe Best and Fairest: Alistair Scott (Melbourne).

Byrne in goal mood

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● Good news for West Ham, following their first defeat at Arsenal for thirty-four years.

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Cast forward Johnny Byrne is on the way back.

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Byrne, making his third come-back of an injury-plagued season, scored five for the Combination side against his old club, Crystal Palace.

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● Goal stopper turned goal scorer... that's Tony Read, of Luton Town. The club signed him as a goalkeeper and converted him into a forward.

.....
Read slammed three goals in the 5-1 win over Notts County, his first treble in League soccer.

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● Bristol Rovers goalkeeper Bernard Hall played on with blood flowing down his jersey after a thirty-four minute collision with a Peterborough player.

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Hall, back after a four-month absence, was examined at half-time by the club doctor, who found that he had lost a piece of his ear "about the size of a farthing."

IT'S TOMMY AGAIN!

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Tommy McPherson, Soccer News best and fairest award winner for season 1965, has gained another honor. Last week, George Cross named him their best and fairest player at their presentation night.

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● Col Southgate, Lions' full back, will shortly leave for a short holiday in his native London. But he'll be back in time for the new league season in 1966.

.....
● A Scottish goal scoring inside forward with one of the top clubs in Adelaide may move permanently to Melbourne early in the New Year.

.....
● The rules in Canadian and American Soccer are even more elastic than they are in Australia. Consider the case of inside forward Miguel Campa who is playing as a professional for two clubs. On Saturday evenings he turns out for Canadian club, Italia Montreal and across the border for the club, Italia F.C., in New York, on Sunday evening. Campa does well out of the double act and apparently there's no U.S.A. or Canadian rule to bar him from playing for different clubs in different countries.

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